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SUBJECT: LIBYAN GOVERNMENT DEBT TO TIA

REF: TRIPOLI 374

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMB OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS, THE SUBSTANCE OF WHICH WERE RELAYED TO TIA'S SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, MR. J. H. MALONE. MALONE INFORMED DEPTOFF HE WOULD MAKE A LOW LEVEL APPROACH WHICH WOULD NOT INVOLVE THE EMB EXCEPT INsofar AS ADVICE ON WHO TO SPEAK WITH WITHIN THE LIBYAN CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (CAA) TO CORRECT THE OVERPAYMENT ERROR. MALONE SAID TIA WILL MAKE THEIR APPROACH TO CAA QUIET AND WILL NOT PRESS TO MAKE IT AN AFFAIR OF STATE EXCEPT AS A LAST RESORT.

2. TIA WILL LIKELY SEND SOMEONE TO LIBYA SOON, PERHAPS FROM THEIR LONDON OFFICE (THE OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE EXPENSIVE TYPO). TIA WAS CAUTIONED THAT LIBYA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROLS IN ADDITION TO OFFICIAL RESENTMENT TO ANYONE AFFILIATED WITH US AVIATION WHICH MAY HAVE PERMEATED THE CAA WILL MAKE RESTITUTION DIFFICULT, BUT HOPEFULLY NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

3. MALONE, WHO WILL BE IN SPAIN ON OTHER BUSINESS IN

THE COMING WEEKS, WILL CONSIDER VISITING THE CAA AT A
HIGHER LEVEL IF THE INITIAL EFFORTS ARE NOT PROMISING.
HE WAS SAD TO LEARN THAT ENVOKING THE NAME OF THE EMB
WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. HE ALSO SAID THAT AS OF
THIS MOMENT, TIA HAD NOT TAKEN ANY ACTION DIRECTLY OR
INDIRECTLY WITH LIBYANS CONCERNING THIS MATTER. VANCE

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